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## **CALTRANS RECEIVES TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FOR PARTNERING ON I-40 BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY** –The Department of Transportation, Caltrans, is pleased to announce that the Interstate 40 (I-40) Bridge Replacement Project has been awarded two prestigious awards for partnering. The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of California has recognized Caltrans with the 2008 Excellence in Partnering Award and by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America with the National Marvin M. Black Award. These awards acknowledge the successful partnerships and collaborations that work to improve construction projects. Caltrans also received two Silver Caltrans' Excellence in Partnering Awards from the Department of Transportation.

In early 2006 during routine maintenance bridge inspections, Caltrans discovered severe damage to 12 bridges on I-40, near Essex. They required immediate replacement. Within days, measures were taken to secure public safety and keep the I-40 bridges open. Understanding the urgency, Caltrans' and the contractor, Skanska, were able to find solutions to expedite the work. The design process was expedited in order to get approval of the project. A design project like this one normally takes two to three years minimum to get it ready for advertisement; this took about two and a half months. Design's biggest success for this project was meeting their goal in delivering on schedule. The plan made it possible to replace all 12 bridges, from discovery to completion in only 14 months. A job of this magnitude would typically take two to three years to complete. This was accomplished, in part, due to the commitment to partnering. A unique component of this replacement project was the construction of the

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westbound Marble Wash Bridge. This bridge was built using all precast support components, including the first precast abutments used in road construction in the state of California. This bridge was completed in an amazing 28 days.

“The I-40 Westbound Bridge Replacement project is proof that a true commitment to partnering leads to success”, states Eric Taylor, General Manager for Skanska. “The teamwork between Caltrans, Skanska, California Highway Patrol and all of our subcontractors and suppliers was the key to this project’s early, under budget completion”.

Through continuous communications and their partnering commitment, Caltrans and Skanska identified potential issues at an early stage of construction and worked together successfully to bring about a win-win solution. Partnering relationships, such as this one, not only benefit the State and the contractors, but are important for the motoring public. Partnering provides faster, safer, and more efficient completion of construction projects that help to keep California mobile.

“It is a great honor to be recognized with these prestigious awards for a job well done”, states Caltrans Deputy Director Hector Davila. “Partnering has become Caltrans way of doing business and we can all enjoy the benefits.” Caltrans representatives will receive the awards at the next AGC conference on March 11, 2008 held in Las Vegas.

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